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NOTE TO MEDIA: EPA Project Coordinator Steve Renninger and EPA Community Involvement Coordinator Leo Rosales will be available for interviews at the site today (Monday), from 2 to 4 p.m. They can be reached via the site trailer phone line: 973-235-0694.

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CLEANUP BEGINS AT VALLEYCREST LANDFILL SITE

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 5 said today that a comprehensive search for, and removal of, hazardous industrial waste at the Valleycrest Landfill site (Dayton, OH) will begin this week. The landfill is at 200 Valleycrest Dr., between Brandt Pike and Valley St. (The site is also known as the North Dayton Sanitary Landfill.)

The work will be performed by environmental contractors selected by the Valleycrest Landfill Site Group (VLSG), a group of companies responsible for hazardous materials sent to the site. The project follows an administrative order on consent agreement between EPA and VLSG, signed on September 15. A Chicago-based EPA Superfund emergency response team, as well as a team from Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) will monitor the project.

EPA geophysical surveys conducted this past May identified several areas with concentrations of buried metal objects, possibly including drums and other containers of hazardous material. Also, in June, construction of a landfill gas control system began. The system is designed to address potential hazards from gas produced by decaying waste at the site. Final

operational adjustments to the landfill gas system will be completed in the next few weeks.

The 102-acre site was formerly a gravel pit, which accepted industrial and municipal waste from 1965 to 1975. It also accepted foundry sand, flyash, and baghouse dust in some areas of the site from the mid-1970's through 1989.

The project starting this week will involve removal of buried drums containing hazardous waste and other contaminated material. The materials will be disposed of at EPA-approved facilities. Excavated areas will be backfilled.

The project is expected to last several months. Residents with questions about the cleanup may call Leo Rosales, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator, 800-621-8431.

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